

**Support for Senate Joint Resolution No. 29 and House Joint Resolution No. 1: Approving an Amendment to the State Constitution to All No-Excuse Absentee Voting**

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Flexer and Rep. Blumenthal, Vice-Chairs Sen. Slap and Rep. Morin-Bello, Ranking Members Sen. Sampson and Rep. Mastrofrancesco, and Distinguished Members of the GAE Committee,

I am writing in support of S.J. No. 29 and House Joint Resolution No. 1, both resolutions supporting an amendment to the State Constitution to allow for No-Excuse Absentee Ballot voting in CT.

These important resolutions are key steps, in the many step process, to allow CT voters to vote on the option of participating in our democracy via no-excuse vote-by-mail. Please note that this voting option that has been safely and securely implemented in many other states.

The proposed text of the constitutional amendment needs to remain appropriately broad to allow the legislature the flexibility to define, and revise, how to implement no-excuse mail-in voting in CT without being hampered subsequently by the need for another cumbersome Constitutional Amendment process in order to make those revisions.

For example, the legislature will need the flexibility to leverage learnings from election officials in CT and other states over time, and to implement evolving technology and security features, when implementing this expanded voting option.

We should all be working together to expand the ability of all eligible CT voters to legally cast their ballots, and ensure that the public's ability to vote for this amendment is not delayed.

Thank you in advance for your support of this resolution, and I look forward to being able to vote for in in Nov 2024!

Best regards,

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